



General Assembly

January Session, 2001

***Amendment***

LCO No. 8158

Offered by:  
SEN. COLEMAN, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist.

To: House Bill No. 5843

File No. 567

Cal. No. 516

***"AN ACT CONCERNING INTERVENTION BY SIBLINGS IN COURT."***

- 
- 1 In line 1, before "Section" insert "Section 1."
- 2 After line 8, insert the following:
- 3 "Sec. 2. Section 17a-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 5 (a) The commissioner shall prepare and maintain a written plan for
- 6 care, treatment and permanent placement of every child and youth
- 7 under [his] the commissioner's supervision, which shall include but
- 8 not be limited to a diagnosis of the problems of each child or youth, the
- 9 proposed plan of treatment services and temporary placement and a
- 10 goal for permanent placement of the child or youth, which may
- 11 include reunification with the parent, long-term foster care,
- 12 independent living, transfer of guardianship or adoption. The child's
- 13 or youth's health and safety shall be the paramount concern in
- 14 formulating the plan.

15 (b) The commissioner shall at least every six months, review the  
16 plan of each child and youth under [his] the commissioner's  
17 supervision for the purpose of determining whether such plan is  
18 appropriate and make any appropriate modifications to such plan.

19 (c) Any child or youth or [his] the parent or guardian of such child  
20 or youth aggrieved by any provision of a plan prepared under  
21 subsection (a) of this section, or by the commissioner's decision upon  
22 review under subsection (b) of this section, or any child or youth or  
23 [his] the parent or guardian of such child or youth aggrieved by a  
24 refusal of any other service from the commissioner to which he is  
25 entitled, shall be provided a hearing within thirty days following a  
26 written request for the same directed to the commissioner.

27 (d) Upon motion of any sibling of any child committed to the  
28 Department of Children and Families pursuant to section 46b-129, as  
29 amended by this act, in any pending hearing held pursuant to  
30 subsection (c) of this section, such sibling shall have the right to be  
31 heard concerning visitation with, and placement of, any such child.

32 [d] (e) Any hearing held pursuant to a request made under  
33 subsection (c) or (d) of this section shall be conducted as a contested  
34 case in accordance with chapter 54 provided: (1) A final decision shall  
35 be rendered within fifteen days following the close of evidence and  
36 filing of briefs; and (2) any appeal of a decision pursuant to section 4-  
37 183 shall be to the district of the superior court for juvenile matters,  
38 where the child is located, as established in section 46b-142."